

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

March 28, 2014

Brian Bazemore Director, Broadcast Productions Amazing Facts, Inc. 1203 West Sunset Blvd. Rocklin, CA 95765

Re:

Case Identifier: CGB-CC-1332

CG Docket No. 06-181

Petition for Closed Captioning Exemption Request for Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Bazemore:

This letter concerns your Petition for Exemption from the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") closed captioning requirements. After reviewing your Petition, the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) has determined that additional information, as set forth below, is required to enable us to determine whether the programming noted in your Petition should be exempted from the FCC's closed captioning requirements because captioning such programming would be economically burdensome to your organization.

Specifically, your Petition included information about the impact of captioning on your operation and program and described your overall type of operations. We conclude, however, that because your Petition is missing required information, we cannot take further action on your Petition.

If you wish for your Petition to receive further consideration for a closed captioning exemption, you must supplement your Petition by providing us with the information described below by April 28, 2014, which is 30 days from the date of this letter:

- <u>Video programing distributor assistance</u>. Verify that you have sought assistance (such as funding or services) from your video programming distributor(s). A distributor is any TV broadcast station, cable provider, or satellite system that shows your program(s). State whether you have asked your distributor(s) to help you provide captions, whether this request was accepted or rejected, and, if accepted, describe the assistance that each distributor has offered to provide.
- Additional sponsorships. Verify that you have sought additional sponsorships (other than
 from your program distributor) or other sources of revenue. State your efforts to obtain
 such revenue, and whether these requests were accepted or rejected. If rejected, state
 whether you do not otherwise have the means to provide captioning. If accepted,

describe the assistance that each sponsor has offered to provide. If your organization is precluded from seeking outside assistance or you cannot solicit and/or accept such sponsorships, provide the reason why you are unable to do so.

• Affidavit or declaration. Your supplemental submission must be supported by a signed affidavit or sworn declaration attesting to the truthfulness and accuracy of the information and representations contained in your supplemental submission. An affidavit is a written statement made under oath, before an official who is authorized to administer oaths, such as a notary public or county clerk. A declaration is a written statement made under penalty of perjury, such as "I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this submission is true and correct." (See 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.)

You may also provide other information that you deem relevant to our determination of your exemption request pertaining to the impact that captioning will have on your program or programming activities and any available alternatives that might constitute a reasonable substitute for the closed captioning requirements including, but not limited to, text or graphic display of the content of the audio portion of the programming.

Because of the public nature of FCC proceedings, your submission, as well as any supporting financial or other information provided, will be available for inspection by the general public. If your submission contains some specific information that you would like not to be made routinely available for public inspection, you may request its "confidential treatment, pursuant to FCC rules. (See 47 C.F.R. § 0.459.). If you seek such treatment, you must identify the specific information which you would not like to be made available to the general public and provide the basis for your request, for example, that the information is proprietary financial information, contains a trade secret, or is legally privileged. Also describe how disclosing the information to the general public may cause you substantial competitive harm. You must also submit a second version of your submission with the confidential information redacted (removed or blacked out). This second version must be submitted along with your request for confidential treatment. The redacted version (i.e., the version that does not contain the confidential information) will be disclosed publicly. If your request for confidential treatment is granted, the "public version" of your submission must still contain sufficient documentation to support your claim that closed captioning would be economically burdensome. This documentation is needed so that members of the public have notice of the basis for your exemption request and can comment on its merits.

If the Bureau determines that your Petition, as supplemented by your response to this letter, provides sufficient information upon which to make a determination of whether or not to grant a closed captioning exemption, we will place your Petition on public notice under Docket No. 06-181 at http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs. Members of the public will then have 30 days to file comments on and/or oppositions to your Petition, including the supplemental information you have provided in response to this letter, after which you will have 20 days to respond. At the end of this timeframe, the Bureau will review your Petition, along with any comments and responses received, to determine whether you have demonstrated that providing closed captions would be economically burdensome. If Bureau denies your Petition, you will have ninety (90) days from the date of your notification of the denial to begin captioning.

If you do not supplement your Petition with all of the updated information and documentation requested in this letter within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, we will conclude that you have failed to support your exemption request with adequate explanation and evidence, and will dismiss your Petition. In the event of such dismissal, your organization will be required to begin providing closed captioning for your program(s) within ninety (90) days of the date of our notification to you that your Petition has been dismissed.

If you have questions pertaining to this letter or the information and materials requested herein, please contact the FCC's Disability Rights Office at captioningexemption@fcc.gov.

E. Elaine Gardner

Attorney Disability Rights Office

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

Instructions for Filing a Supplement to a Closed Captioning Exemption Petition

You must send the FCC an original and two (2) copies of the information supplementing your previously filed petition for a closed captioning exemption. Filings must be delivered by hand or messenger service, commercial overnight courier, or by first class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.

For delivery by hand or messenger service, U.S. Postal Service mail, including express mail, priority mail, and first class mail, please use the following address:

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-C438
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

For commercial overnight mail, such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service, please use the following address:

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-C438
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Electronic filing and faxes of supplements to petitions will not be accepted at this time.

Please wait at least two weeks before contacting FCC staff to make inquiries about whether your supplement has been received. You must include your case identifier number, which is located at the top of this letter, and the CG Docket Number 06-181, in all correspondence with the FCC regarding your petition.